

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

Herein disclosed is a certification system (10) comprising ~~including~~ a plurality of storage devices (21, 22, 23) each storing therein identification information and a certification apparatus (30) including certification means (31a) unit for certifying whether or not each of the storage devices (21, 22, 23) is an authorized device authorized to use components mounted on a vehicle, ~~and in which, the~~ ~~The~~ storage devices (21, 22, 23) includes ~~include~~ an authorized storage device (22) to be certified as being the authorized device, and a master storage device (21) to be used to certify the authorized storage device (22) as being the authorized device, ~~the~~ ~~The~~ certification apparatus (30) includes ~~an~~ obtaining means (31b) unit for obtaining the identification information stored in each of the storage devices (21, 22, 23), a storage means (31c) unit for storing therein information, and a storage control unit means (31d) for controlling the storage unit means (31c) to have the storage means (31c) unit store therein the information, ~~the~~ ~~The~~ certification means (31a) unit is operative to certify whether or not each of the storage devices (21, 22, 23) is the authorized device on the basis of the identification information of each of the storage devices (21, 22, 23) obtained by the obtaining means (31b) unit and the information stored in the storage means (31c) unit, and the certification means (31a) unit is operative to certify that said ~~the~~ master storage device (21) is not the authorized device under the condition that the storage means (31c) unit has already stored therein the identification information of the one of the authorized storage devices (22), and the storage control means (31d) unit is operative to control the storage means (31c) unit to have the storage means (31c) unit store therein the identification information of the authorized storage device (22) obtained by the obtaining means (31b) unit only under the condition that the certification means (31a) unit certifies the master storage device (21) as being the authorized device.

Attachment